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FROM THE FAR EAST.

A Crittenden County Boy Tells of Life in the Philippines.

SAN PABLO, P. I.,
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Kind Editor and readers of the Press, before leaving San Pablo for a new post of garrison I will endeavor to write you a few lines about the town and its inhabitants.

San Pablo is from appearance one among the oldest towns on the island of Luzon. It is about fifty miles south of Manila and ten miles from the beautiful lake Gagnan bay, and is situated in a lovely valley almost entirely surrounded by mountains, which furnish an exquisite and magnificent view in any direction that one can look. The city and all the valley around it out to the foot of the mountain slopes, is one almost continuous grove of dense tropical growth of various species and among which can be found a variety of tropical fruit. It is indeed a source of pleasure to take a lunch and some refreshments in our haversacks and start out to follow some of the native police or officials, who always act as guides. We often leave the town early in the morning on the pretended mission of capturing or destroying some band of outlaws or insurgents that is reported to be causing trouble in some part of the province, so it takes some trail out through the cocoanut and mango groves, crossing the many bright, sparkling streams that trickle down the mountains; and so it is on and on, and likely before we stop for our mid-day lunch we have reached an elevation of several hundred feet above the surrounding country, and from where the scenery that can be obtained is usually enjoyed about as much as the contents of the old haversack which we carried strapped over our shoulders.

I remember on one occasion it was a three days scout, but the entire forenoon of the second day was spent in climbing just as the noonday sun was directing its rays straight down upon us we reached the summit, hot, tired and thirsty, and no water there to be found, but were all willing to stop and take a view over what could be seen even with the naked eye. It included the waters of Lake Taol, Laguna de bay and the broad expanse of the China sea, and most every town along the coast, from the metropolis southward. Now, such rambles are of course very interesting, but it seems to me I would prefer taking a stroll where I would not have to carry a gun and a belt containing one hundred rounds of ammunition for self-protection; but I am so accustomed to carrying my arms on all occasions that it will be difficult to break myself of the habit on returning to the United States; but out on our scout is the only place the insurgents have ever tried our battalion. They have laid in ambush for us a few times, but only to meet defeat for themselves. In every post which we have garrisoned we have always met the respect of the natives. This is mostly due to the action of Maj. Langhorne, our battalion commander.

On learning some three or four

weeks ago that we were to leave San Pablo, the Catholic priest expressed a desire to have the natives contribute among themselves and present us with a token of their esteem for us. So Sunday, Sept. 30th, San Pablo was the scene of an impressive and auspicious event, the occasion being the presentation of an American flag to an American military organization by a prominent Filipino. The ceremony of receiving the flag was attended with military honors and was witnessed by a large assembly of Filipinos, and the enthusiasm displayed was a pleasing indication of the good feeling existing between the natives and the Americans in this part of the Philippines. The flag itself is an exquisite production; and will long be cherished by the 2d Battalion of the 39th U. S. V. The flag was then presented to Maj. Langhorne as an appreciation of the fearless manner in which he has administered justice to one and all alike. The report our battalion was going to leave the town had a very disturbing effect among the responsible people of this no important town, and it was the sincerest wish of these men that no change would be made, at least for some time to come. Surrounded by a large audience of Filipinos, the battalion was drawn up in military formation. In the center of a square stood a Filipino holding the glorious emblem of our nation. Our company being the color company was the one to give the necessary salutation, so we were marched up in order for doing so, and I will inclose you the speeches made by some of the loyal natives of the town, and Maj. Langhorne's response, and also my Captain's speech in concluding the ceremony. The native who held the flag was the Priest.

[The speeches enclosed were all in a highly patriotic strain, but want of space prevents their publication, except that of the Priest and Major Langhorne.—Ed.]

The translation of the Padre's speech is as follows:

Gentlemen: Great is the satisfaction that I feel at this moment in speaking to you and of having the honor of offering this flag to one of the bravest and most tried battalions of the army of the powerful country of North America. Accept, my Major, this standard, a little gift of a Roman Catholic priest, as a slight testimony of his great appreciation and care for the great nation of the United States of America.

Do right valiant, soldiers. I am not named to remind you of it. Another voice, more authoritative than mine, will inculcate in you your sacred duties in order that you may preserve immaculate this glorious insignia of your nation, and to render decided aid to those who shelter themselves under its beneficent and humanitarian shadow.

Replying in Spanish Maj. Langhorne said:

Padre Cura Don Francisco Alcantara:

My Dear Sir, I can not find loving words sufficient to express to you my great appreciation for the gift of the flag that you have so honored us by presenting on this occasion. This flag, so precious that we see before us, made with the greatest delicateness and with all the insignia of our nation, I

shall feel pride in taking to my country in order to show it to all as a proof of what you, Father, have been brave enough to do. This same tri-colored flag symbolizes, The red, the blood that has flowed in promulgating the principles it represents. The white the purity of those principles. The blue the heavens under which our actions should always be right. Further, the 45 stars there so beautifully embroidered in silver stand for 45 independent States of the nation united under one government, which is based on Equality, Fraternity and Liberty. It would give me joy if the day ever arrives when the Philippine islands would make a new star for the glory of the United States, which would surely give these.

This assembly, under this splendid sun, acts like an enchantress, and moves my heart, as the representative of the town to express all too feebly our especial gratitude to our beloved curate, Senor Don Francisco Alcantara, for the flag so artistically worked. The emblem that waves today over our dear and rich soil of the Philippines, on whose folds is engraved the symbols, Liberty, civilization, humanity and equality which God allows to all the beings of creation presented to the valorous soldiers of the 2d Battalion 39th Infantry, worthy sons of Washington and heirs of the illustrious Monroe, whose names will be engraved in the history of the Philippines in letters of gold, as our liberators from the talons of the Friars, and God grant that with them as our friends, protectors and most intimate allies the Philippines, and especially the town of San Pablo, may have entire peace and tranquility.

The band then played the star-spangled banner, and never before did it put such thrills into true American hearts than on this simple but auspicious occasion.

I remain yours truly,
Edgar B. Hardin,
Co G, 39th Inf., U. S. V.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Finishes Its Work and Adjourns Saturday.

Circuit court adjourned Saturday afternoon after a two weeks' session. The jury was discharged Friday and a few equity cases absorbed the remainder of the session. All the last week was consumed by the civil docket.

The cases on the civil docket that we did not publish last week were disposed of as follows:

T. B. Farley vs Watkins, Caruthers, etc.; judgment for plaintiff for \$160. A motion for a new trial was sustained by the court and the judgment was set aside. The case was compromised and then dismissed.

J. W. Swanagan vs Wirt Pierce, slander. Dismissed without prejudice.

Presley Gary vs Sheriff Pickens. Case went into trial but the plaintiff filed an amended answer and had the case continued.

Cochran & Baker vs W. M. Lockett; judgment for plaintiff.

The work on the civil docket was now finished and the Judge dismissed the petit jury.

Attention!

Dr. M. Ravdin, oculist, of Evansville, Ind., will be in Marion, Ky., from Nov. 28th until Dec 1st, inclusive, as usual in Dr. J. J. Clark's office. Persons wanting to consult the Doctor about their eyes will please call on the above named dates, as this is Dr. Ravdin's last visit to Marion, positively so.

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A. C. Gilbert.

Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate of John D. Boaz are requested to come forward and make a settlement at an early date and save cost.
A. M. Gilbert, Assignee.

Attention, Ladies!

We have just received 800 yds matting, worth from 15 cts to 30 cents per yard; by buying now you will save money; also the cheapest lot of rugs ever offered. Call and see them.
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Farm for Sale.

We will on Monday, Dec. 10, 1900, at the court house door in Marion, Ky., sell to the highest bidder, the

Flavel Bennett Farm

of 450 acres, more or less, situated on Livingston creek, 1 1/2 miles southwest of Fredonia, in Crittenden county. This farm will be offered for sale by the acre. Terms one-half cash, balance on 12 months time, deferred payments to bear 6 per cent interest. About 50 acres of wheat will be reserved.

Persons desiring to see the farm may call upon Mr. H. C. Rice, Jr., who lives on the place.

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